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ABSTRACT

The report from the Miami-Dade Community College (M-DCC) Institutional Research Office (Florida) updates information on trends in second language (ESL/ENS) credits at MCC. Over the past six years, while total credits decreased by 11.4% to 407,013, second language credits increased 26.9% to 62,500. In 1999 ESL/ENS courses constituted 15.4% of total college credits. By site, 65% of Hialeah Center credits were produced by second language courses, 51% of InterAmerican Campus credits, 17% of North Campus credits, 16% of Wolfson Campus, and 9% of Kendall Campus. Non-credit second language activity measured 5,784 equivalent credits in 1994 and increased to 18,957 in 1999, which is 45% of the total equivalent credits for that year. Non-credit data have been added here to give a more complete view of the second language activity at M-DCC. Table 1 gives the fall term 1994 through 1999 combined ESL/ENS credits as a percent of total college and campus credits. Table 2 presents the separation of ESL and ENS credits. The ESL prefix is used for college preparatory second language while ENS credits are college level second language credits. Table 3 gives the second language non-credit equivalents for fall terms 1994 through 1999. (JA)

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Purpose and Summary

This capsule updates Information Capsule 96-05C on trends in second language (ESL/ENS) credits. Non-credit data have been added here to give a more complete view of the second language activity at Miami-Dade Community College. Over the past six years, while total credits decreased by 11.4% to 407,013, second language credits increased 26.9% to 62,500. In 1999 ESL/ENS courses constituted 15.4% of total college credits. By site, 65% of Hialeah Center credits were produced by second language courses, 51% of InterAmerican Campus credits, 17% of North Campus credits, 16% of Wolfson Campus, and 9% of Kendall Campus. Non-credit second language activity measured 5,784 equivalent credits in 1994 and increased to 18,957 in 1999, which is 45% of the total equivalent credits for that year.

Results

Table 1 gives the Fall Term 1994 through 1999 combined ESL/ENS credits as a percent of total college and campus credits. Over the time indicated, total college-wide credits decreased to 407,013 while ESL/ENS credits increased to 62,500 or 15.4% of total credits. This proportion represents a growth of 4.7 percentage points in second language credits over six years. A comparison of base-year to latest-year shows definitive increases in absolute numbers and percentage for second language credits on each and every campus. In absolute terms, the largest second language credit increases occurred at InterAmerican Campus (+6,260), North Campus (+5,009), and Hialeah Center (+4,054). In terms of proportion, both Hialeah Center (65.4%) and InterAmerican Campus (51.1%) far exceed other campus proportions, and unlike other campuses which have decreased in total credits, InterAmerican Campus increased 34.0% in total credits and Hialeah Center increased 27.7% in total credits.

Table 2 presents the separation of ESL and ENS credits. The ESL prefix is used for college preparatory second language while ENS credits are college level second language credits. Over the six years shown college-wide, ESL proportions have increased to 25.4% while ENS credits have decreased to 74.6%. This inverse trend is particularly evident on North Campus where ESL to ENS credit proportions in 1994 were 19.3% to 80.7% and 28.8% to

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71.2% in 1999. When Hialeah Center data are examined, the large drop in the proportion of ENS (from 74.7% in 1994 to 64.9% in 1999) and the large increase for ESL (from 25.3% in 1994 to 35.1% in 1999) show the impact of the Center on North Campus results. Proportions are otherwise fairly stable on the other campuses.

Table 3 gives the second language non-credit equivalents for Fall Terms 1994 through 1999. This is the first time that non-credit data have been summarized in the capsule. Over the six years college-wide, total non-credit activity increased to a peak of 53,945 equivalent credits in 1998 and dropped back to a total of 42,168 in 1999. Total second language non-credit activity has increased from 5,784 in 1994 to 18,957 in 1999 and is now 45% of non-credit activity (excluding Recreation and Leisure courses).

Non-credit equivalents for 1999 are concentrated in four areas:

1) Continuing Workforce Education second language courses (ENB) account for 3,766 equivalent credits,

2) Vocational Preparatory Instruction second language courses (VPI) constitute 4,806 equivalent credits,

3) Adult Basic Education second language courses (EDU) amount to 10,385 equivalent credits and

4) Recreation/Leisure second language courses (ENR) equal 8,497 equivalent credits.

Campus results are left for the reader to examine.

Methodology

The non-credit data of Table 3 were obtained using the following algorithm:

1) SAS programming was applied to the Legacy and Odyssey systems using the Community College Program Fund (CCPF) electronic files for 1994 through 1999.

2) All Supplemental Vocational, Developmental/Adult Education, and Recreation/Leisure second language prefixes and courses were identified for six years.

3) All course titles were examined for second language relevance.

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Table 1
Combined ESL/ENS Credits as a Percent of Total College and Campus Credits
Fall Terms 1994 Through 1999

	College-Wide*			Campus: North (Includes Hialeah)			Campus: Kendall		
Fall Term	Total Credits	ESL/ENS Credits	Percent	Total Credits	ESL/ENS Credits	Percent	Total Credits	ESL/ENS Credits	Percent
1994	459,152	49,244	10.7%	136,765	15,728	11.5%	174,368	10,762	6.2%
1995	445,231	50,677	11.4%	129,554	14,110	10.9%	170,002	11,523	6.8%
1996	431,909	57,738	13.4%	132,453	16,076	12.1%	162,124	11,544	7.1%
1997	424,393	62,396	14.7%	130,890	18,511	14.1%	158,093	12,005	7.6%
1998	411,689	59,625	14.5%	126,245	18,872	14.9%	151,181	10,908	7.2%
1999	407,013	62,500	15.4%	122,204	20,737	17.0%	146,243	12,496	8.5%

	Campus: Wolfson			Campus: InterAmerican			Hialeah Center (Included in North Campus)		
Fall Term	Total Credits	ESL/ENS Credits	Percent	Total Credits	ESL/ENS Credits	Percent	Total Credits	ESL/ENS Credits	Percent
1994	78,073	9,929	12.7%	25,564	11,240	44.0%	13,466	7,196	53.4%
1995	75,233	10,594	14.1%	27,326	12,639	46.3%	11,234	6,518	58.0%
1996	76,835	12,257	16.0%	31,482	17,861	56.7%	11,545	6,627	57.4%
1997	75,558	12,970	17.2%	32,200	18,910	58.7%	14,263	8,620	60.4%
1998	74,037	12,482	16.9%	31,650	17,225	54.4%	16,023	9,663	60.3%
1999	72,835	11,482	15.8%	34,260	17,500	51.1%	17,192	11,250	65.4%

*College-Wide totals include Medical Center and Homestead Campuses where applicable.

Source: CCPF research term files for years indicated, programmed in SAS.

Table 2
Number and Percent of ESL and ENS Credits
Fall Terms 1994 Through 1999

			Campus			
	College-Wide*		North (Includes Hialeah)		Kendall	
Fall Term	ESL Credits	ENS Credits	ESL Credits	ENS Credits	ESL Credits	ENS Credits
1994	10,005	39,239	3,042	12,686	1,842	8,920
Percent	20.3%	79.7%	19.3%	80.7%	17.1%	82.9%
1995	11,307	39,369	3,153	10,957	2,019	9,504
Percent	22.3%	77.7%	22.3%	77.7%	17.5%	82.5%
1996	14,100	43,638	3,768	12,308	2,247	9,297
Percent	24.4%	75.6%	23.4%	76.6%	19.5%	80.5%
1997	15,351	47,045	4,800	13,711	2,205	9,800
Percent	24.6%	75.4%	25.9%	74.1%	18.4%	81.6%
1998	12,462	47,163	4,257	14,615	1,599	9,309
Percent	20.9%	79.1%	22.6%	77.4%	14.7%	85.3%
1999	15,861	46,639	5,970	14,767	2,361	10,135
Percent	25.4%	74.6%	28.8%	71.2%	18.9%	81.1%

	Campus				Hialeah Center (Included in North)	
	Wolfson		InterAmerican			
Fall Term	ESL Credits	ENS Credits	ESL Credits	ENS Credits	ESL Credits	ENS Credits
1994	1,962	7,967	3,159	8,081	1,824	5,372
Percent	19.8%	80.2%	28.1%	71.9%	25.3%	74.7%
1995	2,019	8,575	4,116	8,523	2,091	4,427
Percent	19.1%	80.9%	32.6%	67.4%	32.1%	67.9%
1996	2,253	10,004	5,832	12,029	1,740	4,887
Percent	18.4%	81.6%	32.7%	67.3%	26.3%	73.7%
1997	2,352	10,618	5,994	12,916	2,922	5,698
Percent	18.1%	81.9%	31.7%	68.3%	33.9%	66.1%
1998	1,710	10,772	4,866	12,359	2,700	6,963
Percent	13.7%	86.3%	28.2%	71.8%	27.9%	72.1%
1999	1,962	9,520	5,478	12,022	3,951	7,299
Percent	17.1%	82.9%	31.3%	68.7%	35.1%	64.9%

*College-Wide totals include Medical Center and Homestead Campuses where applicable.

Source: CCPF research term files for years indicated, programmed in SAS.

Table 3
Second Language Non-Credit Equivalents
Fall Terms 1994 Through 1999

Fall Term	Total Non-Credit*	Total Second Language*	Percent	ENB	VSI	VSL	VPI	EDU	Recreation and Leisure** ENG	Recreation and Leisure** ENR
College-Wide Totals***										
1994	21,001	5,784	27.5%	3,314	2,461	9	0	0	2,242	0
1995	32,245	10,652	33.0%	3,064	7,552	0	36	0	2,201	0
1996	34,549	15,340	44.4%	2,065	12,520	733	22	0	7,014	0
1997	41,139	11,628	28.3%	2,104	8,629	873	22	0	4,624	0
1998	53,945	15,460	28.7%	2,234	9,163	571	14	3,478	4,619	0
1999	42,168	18,957	45.0%	3,766	0	0	4,806	10,385	3	8,497
North Campus Totals (Includes Hialeah Center)										
1994	12,228	3,072	25.1%	1,027	2,045	0	0	0	34	0
1995	18,009	3,477	19.3%	1,073	2,394	0	10	0	28	0
1996	17,044	5,891	34.6%	216	4,942	733	0	0	11	0
1997	18,851	3,907	20.7%	140	2,894	873	0	0	16	0
1998	26,188	4,699	17.9%	327	3,801	571	0	0	18	0
1999	21,163	9,330	44.1%	890	0	0	3,828	4,612	0	123
Kendall Campus Totals										
1994	5,940	2,436	41.0%	2,272	164	0	0	0	1,955	0
1995	9,885	6,378	64.5%	1,952	4,426	0	0	0	2,154	0
1996	12,895	8,526	66.1%	1,773	6,753	0	0	0	2,110	0
1997	13,270	5,236	39.5%	1,793	3,443	0	0	0	2,045	0
1998	18,572	7,861	42.3%	1,317	3,066	0	0	3,478	2,442	0
1999	11,030	5,419	49.1%	2,823	0	0	432	2,164	3	1,725
Wolfson Campus Totals										
1994	817	195	23.9%	15	180	0	0	0	0	0
1995	1,671	443	26.5%	39	378	0	26	0	0	0
1996	2,793	923	33.0%	76	825	0	22	0	4,880	0
1997	5,507	2,348	42.6%	171	2,155	0	22	0	2,557	0
1998	5,999	2,735	45.6%	499	2,222	0	14	0	2,153	0
1999	3,352	1,204	35.9%	0	0	0	546	658	0	6,649
InterAmerican Campus Totals										
1994	62	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0	253	0
1995	92	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0	19	0
1996	133	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
1997	355	32	9.0%	0	32	0	0	0	6	0
1998	478	96	20.1%	91	5	0	0	0	6	0
1999	699	131	18.7%	53	0	0	0	78	0	0
Hialeah Center Totals (Included in North Campus)										
1994	1,946	1,493	76.7%	748	745	0	0	0	0	0
1995	1,955	1,605	82.1%	738	863	0	4	0	0	0
1996	3,206	2,862	89.3%	80	2,262	520	0	0	0	0
1997	3,300	2,498	75.7%	34	1,841	623	0	0	0	0
1998	9,240	3,253	35.2%	81	2,619	553	0	0	0	0
1999	2,671	1,611	60.3%	666	0	0	270	570	0	105

*Excludes Recreation and Leisure.

**Non-Credit second language classified under Recreation and Leisure.

***Includes Medical Center and Homestead Campuses.